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Dear Mr. Kemp,

I hope you recall enough of our previous correspondence so that this letter will not mean much work for you.

You'd asked for my records and I'd already agreed to give them to Wisconsin through the Stevens Point branch. The best bibliographer in the field, Mr. David Wrone, is there. And he is a responsible man in a field in which nuts predominate.

This past year we deposited perhaps nine very full file drawers of my older materials, from the days before World War II when I was an investigative reporter. About half are indexed records, largely clippings and articles, dealing with the right extreme of that period, overt and secret Hitlerites, anti-Semites and others of this kind and their literature. Most of the rest is the raw material of articles I did exposing Nazi cartels and a fairly large amount of material on the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities. The Dies committee included copies of that committee's expenditures, something is believe may be unique. (And raunchy!)

Also last year I developed other medical problems, ~~xxxxx~~ arterial in addition to the impairments in the veins of which I told you.

It wasn't all bad, though, which is why I write. We had a small income from the sale of the only property we had besides the home in which we live.

I asked the university for an estimate of the value of the records I had given. The reply, which was by phone, is not absolutely clear in my mind. I believe it is that they may not, because of some court decisions, place a value on what is given to it for the tax use of the giver. If it is not for some such reason than perhaps it is that as a matter of policy they do not. In any event, there is no immediately available estimate of that value when for tax purposes we need it.

Were I to hire an expert it would cost me as much as I could hope to save with a legitimate tax deduction. So I'm looking for a means of obtaining an honest guess from someone whose word could mean something to IRS.

This means more to us than it would ordinarily because we have this exceptional situation of having sold the property after many impoverished years and it provides what little security I have when I'm in my 60s and of impaired health. What we are entitled to take credit for could mean much to us.

If you can be of any help or can offer any suggestions we would appreciate it.

What will be in this archive is growing. I report it in the event the knowledge may be of value to some of your scholars.

There will be not fewer than more than 50,000 once-secret FBI and Department of Justice records relating to the assassination of Dr. King and extending into domestic-intelligence operations that have not been reported, other than on him, enough, I believe for a doctoral thesis and a book on the latter. Aside from more than 20 file cabinets of JFK assassination materials I had already accumulated I have in hand about 60,000 pages the FBI has just let loose and I expect more, more than the initial 40,000 of which you may have read or heard.

Thanks for any help or suggestions you can provide.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg

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General outline of what you have given to UWSP - going back to start of accumulation -

· Any guidelines or help he may be able to provide in establishing a value to be set as a contribution how to arrive at a basis -